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Dear [REDACTED]

As you will recall, in our discussion of the CIA response to this subcommittee's questionnaire on public information officers, it was decided that we would accept the contention of the CIA that none of the Agency personnel could qualify as a public affairs officer in law or in fact. It was further agreed that Mr. Thuermer was in fact an assistant to the Director rather than a public affairs contact.

In view of subsequent events, especially a recent article in the Washington Post, I wonder if the CIA would object to our listing Mr. Thuermer as Director of Recreational Activities.

Please let me know your thoughts on this.

Very sincerely,

*Bill*

William G. Phillips  
Staff Director

WGP:md

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**CIA Pig-Sticker—The man  
who sticks the pig stickers in**

Intelligence Agents are traditionally regarded as close-mouthed characters who spend their waking hours tracking spies and tapping telephones.

Angus MacLean Thuermer, the agency's "public information officer," defies tradition. He is one of the nation's foremost "pig stickers," and he doesn't mind talking about it.

He became addicted to the exotic sport of "pig sticking" nicely underplayed British term for hunting wild boar on horseback with a spear" while serving with the Foreign Service in India.

Last year, Thuermer went back to India for another hog hunt. When he returned to the States, he broke CIA tradition and published his memoirs of the hunt in an obscure weekly newspaper called the "Piedmont Virginian."

Although Thuermer rarely has anything to say to reporters about CIA affairs, he waxes poetic about pig sticking.

Footnote: So proud of his pig-sticking prowess is Thuermer that he keeps his spear in his office. He invited us over to see it, but we politely refused when he added that "it isn't every day that you get to stick an Anderson man."

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